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During the interview, Ms. Hoffman (Applicant's representative) argued that **Doane et al. (US 6,040,063)** does not teach or suggest steps of placing slurry or dough molding material and the coating film into a mold having a given shaped cavity to obtain a combination of the slurry or dough molding material and the coating film; and heating and molding the combination of the slurry or dough molding material and coating film in the mold to mold the slurry or dough molding material through steam expansion as cited in claims 1, 6 and 13 of the instant application (Also See Attached Interview Agenda). Examiner pointed out that **Doane et al. ('063)** clearly describes that the coating film and the selected substrate placed in the assembly between metal plates in a Craver press and compressing at elevated temperature and pressure, and, thus the coating film adhered to the surface of the moldable article, wherein the moldable article is formed from the selected substrate (such foam or biodegradable material) (See example 6 and background of Doane et al.), thus, such teaching indicates that Doane et al. is involved to place combination of molding material and coating film within the cavity; and also involved to mold article under application of heating and pressing as claimed. No agreement is reached at this point.

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